

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 3, 4, 21, and 34-37 are pending in this application. Claims 34-37 are added by the present response. Further, claims 1, 2, 5-19, and 22-33 are canceled by the present response without prejudice.

The present response is submitted to place the application in condition for allowance based on the indication of allowable subject matter in the outstanding Office Action.

In the Office Action claims 3, 4, and 21 are allowed. Only claims 1, 2, 11, 12, and 19 were rejected. Claims 5-10, 13-18, and 22-33 were withdrawn from consideration as directed to a non-elected invention.

To place this application in condition for allowance rejected claims 1, 2, 11, 12, and 19, and withdrawn claims 5-10, 13-18, and 22-33 are canceled without prejudice. Thereby allowed claims 3, 4, and 21 are maintained and are pending.

The present response also sets forth new claims 34-37 for examination. Those new claims are believed to clearly be allowable as each of those claims depends from allowed independent claim 21. Thereby new claims 34-37 clearly set forth allowable subject matter.

Further, new claims 34-37 are fully supported by the original specification, see for example page 16, lines 7-11 and 14-22, Fig. 2, steps S5 and S8, Fig. 3, steps S17-S20 and S22, and Fig. 4 steps S39 and S43, and see also original claims 11 and 12. Thereby, the submission of new claims 34-37 is not believed to raise any issue of new matter.

By the present response each of pending claims 3, 4, 21, and 34-37 is believed to be allowable.

As no other issues are pending in this application, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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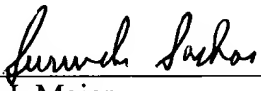
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